

subject to recall only in case managers meet their terms.

The railway managers professed belief that there would be no strike, that the president would not permit labor strife to block the preparedness movement; and declared they believe neither side should take drastic action before supreme court decides constitutionality of Adamson eight-hour law.

Pres. Wilson, through Sec'y of Labor Wilson and the federal board of mediation, is prepared to watch every move made here during next few days.

Formal statement issued by brotherhoods declaring their loyalty closed with this declaration:

"Surely the public must realize that for more than a year we have made every effort to secure a shorter work day and our membership realizes that this question must be disposed of and industrial peace restored before our country becomes involved in war, which now seems probable.

"Seemingly it has been the purpose of the railroad companies to postpone final settlement of this question until either a panic or a war would defeat our demands."

The railroad managers said:

"The railroads promised the government of the United States, through the department of justice, as did the brotherhoods, that they would take no further action until the supreme court had acted. The railroads will keep that promise. They are not going to be bulldozed or frightened by the brotherhoods."

There is considerable speculation here as to the power of the president to order operation of the roads at a time when war is impending. It is admitted he would have the power as a measure of national defense in time of hostilities.

The fact that some trains carry mail, according to brotherhood representatives, would make no difference as to the conduct of the strike.

A circular sent out declares the men have just as much right to refuse to work on mail trains as on any other.

FISHER TRACTION BILLS HIT BY GREATER CHI. FED.

The Greater Chicago Federation, made up of North-west Side merchants and professional men, sent a written protest to the state legislature today asking that the Walter Fisher traction bills be turned down in that body.

The reason set forth in their plea are:

That the bills seek to take away from the people the right of franchise consent.

That no public hearings have been given at which the propositions could be discussed.

That the bills provide for subways which were defeated at the polls three years.

That the Chicago Traction and Subway Commission report on which the bills were drawn is not yet completed.

That the scheme presented does not better traction facilities for the entire city.

That the bills provide for a franchise of more than 20 years.

And that the present ordinance of 1907 has ten more years to run.

DEATH NEAR FOR WATERMAN

Former Judge Arba N. Waterman was given just a few more hours to live when physicians examined him early today. His life was being prolonged by the use of stimulants and the end was near, his attendants declared.

APRIL 10 BOY JOB DAY

At the request of the Boys' Brotherhood Republic, Mayor Thompson set aside April 10 as Boy's Job Day. An effort to place unemployed youths in good jobs will then be made.